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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Anthony W. Lewis, DOB: 8/4/1972, of D1575 Old County Highway C, Stratford, Wisconsin was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb for making and uttering a counterfeit security. Lewis was sentenced to 36 months in prison, a 3-year period of supervised release, a \$100 special assessment, and the entry of a restitution order in the amount of \$36,508. Lewis pleaded guilty to this charge on April 8, 2004.

Lewis admitted during the plea hearing that over a two month period he manufactured checks on four fictitious business accounts and cashed or caused these checks to be cashed in 21 different jurisdictions. At sentencing, 48 different business entities were identified as victims by the court. In addition, the court recognized as victims two citizen bystanders and a Eau Claire County Deputy Sheriff who were injured as Lewis attempted to elude the deputy at the time of his arrest on January 20, 2005.

The charges against Anthony W. Lewis were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wausau Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Marshfield Police Department, and the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Department. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

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